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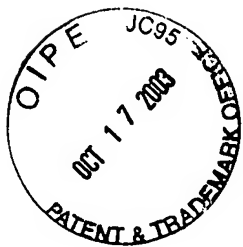
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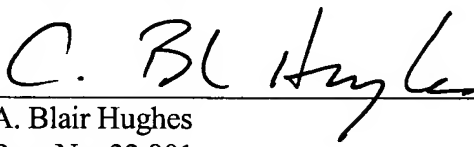
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Dear Sir:

The accompanying Third Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement is being submitted after the mailing of the First Official Action in the above-referenced case. Therefore, a check for \$180.00 required by the filing of this paper is attached.

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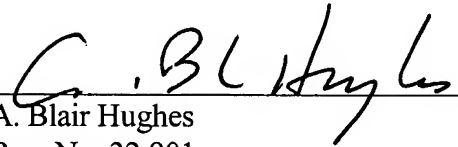
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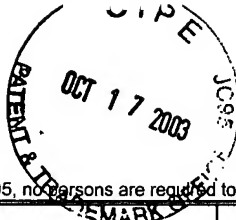
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